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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract in accordance with the attached revised Abstract. The revised Abstract is provided both as marked to show revisions and in finalized form.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Information created by a device and recorded on a recording medium and information supplied externally to the device and recorded on the recording medium are classified according to creation date and time information. Each image data file recorded on the recording medium has an original recorded file flag added thereto which indicates whether the image data file is obtained by photographing using the device. Photographing date and time information is added to an image data file obtained by photographing using the device. Obtainment date and time information is added to an image data file supplied externally. In a classification process, an original recorded file flag is checked; an obtainment date and time is used for an image data file obtained externally; a photographing date and time is used for an image data file obtained by photographing; a classification process is performed; and a result of the classification process is displayed.